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AF/E FOR AMB SPAIN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BTRA, PDEV, RH, TZ
SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, POST WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR UNION CARBIDE OFFICIALS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE ON 31 JAN. AMB SPAIN CURRENTLY ON CONSULTATION AND HOME LEAVE IN US AND MAY NOT RETURN BY 31 JAN. IN THAT CASE, CHARGE AND ECON OFF WILL BE PLEASED MEET WITH VISITORS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT TIME OF VISIT PRESIDENT NYERERE MAY BE IN HIS HOME VILLAGE OF BUTIAMA (SOME 550 MILES NORTHWEST OF DAR) FOR REST AND FORAYS INTO RURAL DISTRICTS. IF SO, WOULD UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES WANT TO TRAVEL THERE TO MEET WITH HIM? WE RECOMMEND FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA AS ALTERNATE FOR MEETING IN DAR. ADVISE.

3. COMMENT: UNION CARBIDE AMONG MOST WIDELY KNOWN COMPANIES WITH EXTENSIVE DEALINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA. TANGOV TAKES POSITION THAT SUCH COMPANIES SHOULD DIVEST THEIR INTERESTS THERE, AND
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VISITING OFFICIALS SHOULD EXPECT NYERERE AND OTHERS TO BEAR DOWN HARD ON THIS IN DISCUSSIONS. ALTHOUGH THAT ATTITUDE MAKES THEM UNSYMPATHETIC TO UNION CARBIDE'S RHODESIA CONCERNS, WE BELIEVE NYERERE'S STANCE WOULD BE THAT ISSUE IS ONE TO BE DEALT WITH BY ZIMBABWE LEADERSKV END COMMENT.

4. ON ANOTHER MATTER, POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT.'S ASSISTANCE

IN GAINING STATUS REPORT FROM UNION CARBIDE ON ITS EARLIER
INTEREST IN EXPLOITATION OF COLUMBIUM IN TANZANIA. MESSRS.
WARDE, ROCKINGHAM AND JAMES OF UNION CARBIDE VISITED TANZANIA
IN OCTOBER 1976 TO DISCUSS WITH TANGOV AND EMBASSY POSSIBLE
JOINT VENTURE INVESTMENT IN MINERAL PROCESSING. WE HAVE HEARD
NOTHING SINCE AND SOME TANGOV OFFICIALS MIGHT RAISE MATTER WITH
US AND VISITING UNION CARBIDE OFFICIALS.
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